I claim:

- 1. A method of screening a plant to determine whether said plant is a cross between *Tripsacum* and teosinte, said method comprising the following steps:
 - (a) isolating the total genomic DNA from the plant in (c); then
 - (b) digesting said genomic DNA with one to five of the restriction enzymes selected from the group consisting of EcoRI, EcoRV, HindIII, BamHI and MspI; then
 - (c) probing said digested genomic DNA with one or more DNA markers selected from the group consisting of the maize nuclear DNA probes, maize mitochondrial DNA probes, and *Tripsacum* DNA probes recited below; and then
 - (d) determining the presence of one or more of the following restriction fragments of the following fragment sizes, wherein said restriction fragments are characterized by the following molecular marker-restriction enzyme associations and the associated fragment sizes selected from the group consisting of:

BNL5.62, EcoRI, 10.3 kb; npi97, HindIII, 3.9 kb; UMC157, EcoRI, 6.5 kb and 3.3 kb; UMC157, HindIII, 5.5 kb; UMC157, BamHI, 14.0 kb, 8.5 kb and 4.5 kb; UMC11, BamHI, 7.0 kb; CSU3, BamHI, 10.0 kb and 7.6 kb; UMC67, EcoRI, 19.2 kb; UMC67, BamHI 13.4 kb, 11.0 kb and 1.6 kb; CSU92, BamHI, 13.3 kb and 7.5 kb; asg62, BamHI, 12.7 kb, 9.7 kb and 6.6 kb; UMC58, HindIII, 3.3 kb; CSU164, EcoRI, 9.0 kb and 7.0 kb; UMC128, HindIII, 6.0 kb; UMC107, EcoRI, 7.5.0 kb, 6.3 kb and 6.1 kb; UMC140, EcoRI, 4.9 kb; UMC140, HindIII, 6.5 kb; adh1, HindIII, 9.4 kb; adh1, BamHI, 9.4 kb; UMC161, HindIII, 3.3 kb; BNL8.29, HindIII, 9.3 kb and 8.3 kb; UMC53, EcoRI, 9.4 kb; UMC53, EcoRV, 8.4 kb, 3.8 kb and 3.0 kb; UMC6, EcoRI, 3.8 kb; UMC6, HindIII, 3.4 and 2.8 kb agrr167, BamHI, 5.7 kb, and 7.0 kb; UMC61, HindIII, 3.4 and 2.8 kb agrr167, BamHI, 5.7 kb, 4.5 kb and 4.0 kb; UMC34, EcoRI, 7.5 kb and 5.4 kb; UMC34, HindIII, 8.8 kb, 6.5 kb and 5.8 kb; UMC34, BamHI, 9.4 kb; UMC35, HindIII, 11.6 kb and 10.8 kb; UMC131, EcoRI, 10.6 kb, 5.8 kb

and 4.3 kb; <u>UMC55</u>, *EcoRI*, 3.9 kb; <u>UMC55</u>, *Hind*III, 4.3 kb; <u>UMC5</u>, EcoRI, 5.4 kb; UMC5, HindIII, 6.5 kb; UMC49, BamHI, 8.2 kb; UMC36, BamHI, 4.2 kb; <u>UMC32</u>, EcoRI, 5.3 kb; <u>UMC32</u>, HindIII 6.7 kb, 6.0 kb, and 2.8 kb; <u>asg24</u> *Hind*III, 7.2 kb and 6.4 kb; <u>UMC121</u>, *Eco*RI, 3.7 kb and 3.2 kb; <u>BNL8.35</u>, *Hind*III, 9.9 kb and 8.7 kb; <u>UMC50</u>, BamHI, 7.8 kb, 6.8 kb, 5.8 kb and 3.8 kb; <u>UMC42</u>, <u>HindIII</u>, 10.4 kb, 9.2 kb, 8.9 kb, 7.9 kb, 7.6 kb, and 3.7 kb; npi247, EcoRI, 8.0 kb; npi247, HindIII 3.0 kb; UMC10, HindIII, 3.0 kb; UMC10, EcoRI, 6.5 kb and 5.5 kb; UMC102, EcoRI, 2.7 kb; BNL6.06, EcoRI, 6.8 kb; CSU240, EcoRI, 10.6 kb, 4.5 kb and 3.3 kb; <u>BNL5.37</u>, *Hind*III, 10.3 kb, 5.8 kb and 3.5 kb; npi296, EcoRI, 7.9 kb; UMC3, EcoRI 2.5 kb and 2.0 kb; npi212, HindIII, 4.3 kb; npi212, BamHI, 5.4 kb; UMC39, EcoRI, 12.2 kb, 9.2 kb, 7.8 kb and 7.1 kb; phi10080, BamHI, 9.7 kb; UMC63, HindIII, 9.5 kb and 4.3 kb; <u>CSU303</u>, *Eco*RI, 10.0 kb; <u>UMC96</u>, *Hind*III, 11.8 kb, 6.4 kb and 5.5 kb; <u>UMC96</u>, BamHI, 7.5 kb; <u>UMC2</u>, EcoRI, 11.8 kb, 10.4 kb, 8.0 kb and 3.9 kb; CSU25, HindIII, 5.2 kb, 4.5 and 4.2 kb; agrr115, EcoRI. 8.0 kb and 5.4 kb; agrr115, BamHI, 5.4 kb and 3.5 kb; phi20725, EcoRI, 10.3 kb, 9.7 kb and 7.2 kb; phi20725, HindIII, 1.5 kb; <u>UMC31</u>, *Eco*RI, 5.8 kb and 2.0 kb; <u>UMC31</u>, *Bam*HI 6.5 kb; UMC55, EcoRI, 3.9 kb; UMC55, HindIII, 4.3 kb; CSU235, HindIII, 6.8 kb and 3.0 kb; CSU585, HindIII, 8.3 kb and 6.1 kb; BNL5.46, HindIII, 13.7 kb, 10.5 kb, 9.7 kb and 5.1 kb; <u>agrr321</u>, BamHI, 5.5 kb; <u>agrr89</u>, HindIII, 7.1 kb; npi386, HindIII, 12.6 kb, 9.3 kb and 8.2 kb; UMC42, HindIII, 19.2 kb, 10.3 kb 8.9 kb, 7.6 kb, 3.7 kb and 3.0 kb; <u>tda62</u>, BamHI, 5.5 kb, 5.2 kb, 4.8 kb and 4.2 kb; BNL5.71, EcoRV, 11.3 kb, 6.8 kb, and 5.7 kb; <u>UMC156</u>, *Hind*III, 3.0 kb; <u>UMC66</u>, *Eco*RI, 10.5 kb; <u>UMC66</u>, BamHI, 3.7 kb and 2.4 kb; <u>UMC19</u>, BamHI, 12.3 kb; <u>UMC104</u>, HindIII, 12.4 kb, 11.6 kb and 7.5 kb; UMC104, BamHI, 9.4 kb; UMC133, HindIII, 10.6 kb, 9.9 kb, 9.2 kb and 7.7 kb; UMC52, BamHI, 8.7 kb, 6.9 kb, 3.8 kb, 3.0 kb and 2.0 kb; <u>BNL15.07</u>, *Hind*III, 2.9 kb and 2.7 kb; npi409, EcoRI, 9.4 kb; npi409, HindIII, 10.4 kb, 9.0 kb and 3.9 kb; <u>UMC147</u>, *Hind*III, 16.3 kb, 3.8 kb and 2.4 kb; <u>asg73</u>, EcoRI, 3.8 kb; <u>UMC90</u>, *Hind*III, 7.7 kb, 6.5 kb, 2.8 kb and 1.6 kb; <u>UMC90</u>, *Bam*HI, 9.0 kb; <u>UMC72</u>, 8.5 kb; <u>UMC27</u>, *Hind*III, 8.3 kb and 4.5 kb; <u>UMC27</u>, BamHI, 6.5 kb; <u>UMC43</u>, BamHI, 9.7 kb, 7.3 kb and 5.7 kb; <u>tda37</u>, BamHI, 9.0 kb, 8.0 kb and 6.4 kb; UMC43, BamHI, 9.7 kb, 7.3 kb and 5.7 kb;

<u>UMC40</u>, BamHI, 7.2 kb, 4.7 kb and 4.3 kb; <u>BNL7.71</u>, HindIII, 10.6 kb; BNL5.71, BamHI, 11.3 kb, 6.8 kb and 5.7 kb; tda62, BamHI, 6.5 kb and 5.5 kb; <u>UMC68</u>, *Hind*III, 6.0 kb; <u>UMC104</u>, *Hind*III, 12.4 kb, 11.6 kb and 7.5 kb; <u>UMC104</u>, BamHI, 9.4 kb; <u>phi10017</u>, BamHI, 15.1 kb and 9.5 kb; tda50, BamHI, 8.5 kb; npi373, HindIII, 6.5 kb, 5.6 kb, 5.1 kb and 3.0 kb; tda204, BamHI, 4.0 kb; npi393, EcoRI, 12.1 kb, 8.5 kb, 7.0 kb and 5.6 kb; <u>UMC65</u>, *Hind*III, 2.9 kb; <u>UMC46</u>, *Eco*RI, 6.5 kb and 5.6 kb; asq7, HindIII, 6.3 kb; UMC28, HindIII, 15.8 kb and 11.9 kb; UMC28, BamHI, 9.9 kb, 7.6 kb and 6.6 kb; UMC134, HindIII, 7.5 kb and 4.7 kb; asg8, HindIII, 10.8 kb, 8.7 kb and 8.4 kb; phi20581, HindIII, 4.2 kb; $\underline{02}$, EcoRI, 9.4 kb; $\underline{asg34}$, HindIII, 4.5 kb; $\underline{BNL15.40}$, HindIII, 5.8 kb; <u>UMC116</u>, *EcoRI*, 9.5 kb; <u>UMC110</u>, BamHI, 10.6 kb, 4.9 kb and 3.9 kb; BNL8.32, HindIII, 8.9 kb, 7.4 kb and 7.1 kb; BNL14.07, EcoRI, 6.4 kb; <u>UMC80</u>, HindIII, 10.7 kb, 8.2 kb and 2.4 kb; <u>BNL16.06</u>, EcoRI, 6.8 kb and 1.9 kb; BNL16.06, HindIII, 5.7 kb, 3.0 kb and 1.6 kb; phi20020, HindIII, 7.8 kb, 6.6 kb and 5.1 kb; npi114, HindIII, 10.0 kb, 8.8 kb and 6.3 kb; <u>BNL9.11</u>, *Hind*III, 3.4 kb; <u>UMC103</u>, *Hind*III, 6.9 kb; <u>UMC124</u>, *Hind*III, 8.0 and 7.0; <u>UMC124</u>, BamHI, 6.6 kb, 2.6 kb and 1.6 kb; <u>UMC120</u>, *Hind*III, 3.2 kb, 2.3 kb and 1.4 kb; <u>UMC89</u>, *EcoRI*, 7.3 kb; <u>UMC89</u>, *Hind*III, 7.3 kb; <u>UMC89</u>, *Bam*HI, 9.5 kb, 6.0 kb, 5.2 kb and 4.5 kb; UMC89, MspI, 6.7 kb and 5.8 kb; BNL12.30, EcoRI, 3.5 kb; UMC48, HindIII, 6.2 kb, 5.3 kb, 4.7 kb, 4.2 kb and 3.5 kb; <u>UMC53</u>, EcoRI, 3.8 kb and 3.0 kb; <u>UMC53</u>, EcoRV, 8.4 kb; <u>npi268</u>, BamHI, 6.4 kb; <u>UMC7</u>, BamHI, 4.2 kb; <u>UMC3</u>, EcoRI, 3.5 kb and 2.0 kb; <u>phi10005</u>, EcoRI, 15.0 kb and 1.6 kb; <u>UMC113</u>, *EcoRI*, 5.9 kb and 5.4 kb; <u>UMC113</u>, *BamHI*, 12.8 kb, 11.8 kb and 10.5 kb; <u>UMC192</u>, *Hind*III, 11.4 kb and 6.4 kb; <u>wx</u> (waxy), *Hind*III, 21.0 kb; <u>UMC105</u>, *Eco*RI, 3.9 kb; <u>CSU147</u>, *Hind*III 5.9 kb; <u>BNL5.10</u>, *Hind*III, 6.1 kb and 4.4 kb; <u>UMC114</u>, *Bam*HI, 12.6 kb, 11.5 kb, 10.0 kb, 8.8 kb, 7.5 kb and 6.5 kb; <u>UMC95</u>, *Eco*RI, 5.6 kb; <u>UMC95</u>, HindIII, 7.7 kb, 7.3 kb, 4.8 kb, 4.5 kb 4.1 kb and 1.7 kb; UMC95, BamHI, 15.0 kb and 9.0 kb; asg44, EcoRI, 5.3 kb; CSU61, EcoRI, 8.1 kb and 4.8 kb; BNL7.57, BamHI, 11.6 kb and 5.9 kb; CSU54, EcoRI, 14.7 kb and 12.6 kb; phi20075, EcoRI, 7.1 kb; npi285, EcoRI, 12.4 kb, 9.4 kb and 6.0 kb; KSU5, EcoRI, 9.8 kb, 7.6 kb, 6.1 kb, 3.8 kb and 3.5 kb; UMC130, EcoRI, 13.5 kb and 7.0 kb; UMC130, HindIII, 4.8 kb and 3.2 kb; <u>UMC130</u>, BamHI, 3.2 kb; <u>UMC64</u>, HindIII, 3.3 kb; <u>UMC152</u>,

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pmt2, HindIII, 2.8 kb and 2.1 kb; pmt5, HindIII, 12.3 kb, 8.1 kb, 3.6
kb, 3.2 kb and 2.5 kb; tda48, HindIII, 8.2 kb; tda53, HindIII, 3.8 kb
and 2.2 kb; tda168, EcoRI, 3.6 kb; tda16, HindIII, 4.3 kb; and tda17,
HindIII, 7.0 kb; tda250, BamHI, 4.0 kb.

- 2. A plant containing one or more novel restriction fragments identified by one or more molecular marker-enzyme combinations in claim 1 thereof, produced from a procedure comprising the steps of:
 - (a) crossing a *Tripsacum* female parent with a teosinte male parent to produce (*Tripsacum* X teosinte) hybrid seed or a teosinte female parent with a *Tripsacum* pollen donor to produce (teosinte X Tripsacum) hybrid seed; then
 - (b) growing a (*Tripsacum* X teosinte) or (teosinte X *Tripsacum*) hybrid plant from said seed to maturity; then
 - (c) harvesting the seed produced in (c).
- 3. Seed from a plant in claim 2 that contains one or more restriction fragments produced in accordance with the method described in claim 1.
- 4. All hybrid plants, derivatives, variants, mutants, modifications, and cellular and molecular components that contain one or more restriction fragments set forth in claim 1 thereof, obtained from a plant as set forth in claim 2 or grown from seed according to claim 3.
- 5. Pollen produced by a plant according to claims 2 or 4 that contains one or more restriction fragments described in claim 1.
- 6. A tissue culture, all derivatives, variants, mutants, modifications, and cellular and molecular components from a plant according to claim 4 that contain one or more restriction fragments

described in claim 1.

- 7. A method of screening a plant in accordance with claim 1 wherein said plant is a maize plant that contains one or more restriction fragments described in claim 1 thereof.
- 8. A plant wherein said plant is a maize plant that contains one or more restriction fragments described in claim 1 thereof, and is produced from a procedure comprising the steps of:
 - (a) crossing a *Tripsacum* female parent with a teosinte male parent to produce (*Tripsacum* X teosinte) hybrid seed or a teosinte female parent with a *Tripsacum* pollen donor to produce (teosinte X *Tripsacum*) hybrid seed; then
 - (b) growing a (*Tripsacum* X teosinte) or (teosinte X *Tripsacum*) hybrid plant from said seed to maturity; then
 - (c) crossing said seed from (Tripsacum X teosinte) or (teosinte X Tripsacum) hybrid plant with maize to produce seed;
 - (d) harvesting the seed produced in (c).
- 9. Maize seed that contains one or more restriction fragments described in claim 1 thereof, produced from a plant in claim 8.
- 10. Maize plants, all derivatives, subsequent generations, variants, mutants, modifications, and cellular and molecular components that contain one or more restriction fragments described in claim 1 thereof, grown from said seed according to claim 9.
- 11. Pollen that contains one or more restriction fragments described in claim 1 thereof, produced by a plant according to claim 8 or claim 10.
- 12. Tissue cultures, all derivatives, variants, mutants, modifications, and cellular and molecular components that contain one or more restriction fragments described in claim 1 thereof, derived from said hybrid maize plants according to claim 8 or claim 10.